

Under the PLRA, a prisoner bringing a civil action must pay the full filing fee required by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The statute merely provides the prisoner the opportunity

to make a “downpayment” of a partial filing fee and pay the remainder in monthly installments. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b). In this case, because Chapman was released before he fully complied with the PLRA, the filing fee was not assessed. Under these circumstances, “the obligation to pay the . . . fees is to be determined solely on the question of whether the released individual qualifies for pauper status.” *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 613 (6th Cir. 1997), *partially overruled on other grounds by LaFountain v. Harry*, 716 F.3d 944, 951 (6th Cir. 2013).

Chapman is ORDERED to submit, on or before March 27, 2019, either a non-prisoner *in forma pauperis* affidavit or the entire \$400 civil filing fee.<sup>1</sup> The Clerk shall mail Chapman a copy of the non-prisoner *in forma pauperis* affidavit form along with this order.

Failure to comply with this order in a timely manner will result in the dismissal of this action without further notice, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b), for failure to prosecute.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ **James D. Todd**  
JAMES D. TODD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> The civil filing fee is \$350. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The Schedule of Fees set out following the statute also requires an additional administrative fee of \$50 for filing any civil case. That additional \$50 fee will not apply if leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* ultimately is granted.